

Regarding RM-10354, in which the petitioner has asked the FCC to grant Novice and Technician (with Element 1 credit) licensees new or expanded operating privileges on 80, 40, 30, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters.....I submit that there is a process already available for Novice and Technician class licensees to obtain expanded privileges. It's called "upgrading". The FCC has already made this process and privileges available with the recently restructured (in 2000) amateur radio licensing rules and regulations. In my opinion this petition is nothing more than a request to needlessly alter those rules and regulations once again. At the present time it is ALREADY a simple and easy enough process to upgrade from Novice or Technician class to General class and receive expanded privileges such as those requested, and to request expanded privileges without doing so is to request/suggest a further easing the licensing requirements that the FCC has, again....ALREADY ruled on less than TWO years ago. To put it bluntly.....it is a request to "give me something for nothing" when the process already available to upgrade is not a difficult thing to do.

I respectfully state that I am against this petition, and wish to thank you for your time in accepting and considering my comments.

Sincerely,
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